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1. FONMIN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE EC-THIRD COUNTRY RELATIONS (JANSSEN) BELIEVES THAT COUNCIL UNLIKELY TO DISCUSS MIP'S IN NEAR FUTURE (IT WAS NOT ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JAN 22 AGMINS MEETING) SINCE MIP'S REMAIN LINKED TO MEDITERRANEAN POLICY. LINK HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHEN COUNCIL DECIDED MIP'S DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH WITHOUT

PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES ON TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH EC. MEDITERRANEAN POLICY NOW AT STANSTILL BECAUSE OF OIL PROBLEM AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS WITH CONCLUDING AGREEMENTS WITH ARABS AND ISRAELIS. JANSSEN AGREED THT AT SOME POINT, COUNCIL MAY DECIDE TO DIVORCE TWO QUESTIONS AND PROCEED WITH MIP'S SEPARATELY, BUT THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY FOR TIME BEING.

2. WE EXPRESSED TO JANSSEN OUR OBJECTIONS TO MIP'S IN GENERAL. HE REPLIED THAT GOB HAS NO INCLINATION TO SET MIP DISCUSSIONS IN MOTION AND COMMENTED THAT, IN ANY CASE, INTRA-EC DISAGREEMENTS ON MIP SYSTEM WOULD POSE PROBLEMS DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE IN PRESENT STATE OF COMMON MARKET. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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